THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Several Lightning Rods Up for the Next House-Speaker Cannon Not a Quitter.

The tumultuous insurgents of the ing the holidays. They promise new operations as soon as Congress reconvenes. But apparently their heavy work tain nothing new. will be in the Senate, as far as the present session of Congress is concerned. The House insurgents have a less compact organization than their brethren of the Senate and less opportunity, perhaps, for successful resistance to the Then, the House insurgents have no Cummins and no La Follette to lead them in their campaigns,

They say that Speaker Cannon will not retire. The House of Representa-tives, as a whole, seems to have a growing conviction that way. He is not a man to quit under fire. But in the face

be at all gracious, however, over this attitude inside the camp of his own followers. The covetous eyes that are lowers are covered by the Treasury. He is gradually winning golden opinions in Washington. It is impossible to make any move of imchange of the covered by the Treasury. He is gradually winning next Commander-in-Chief, hoping he will be our next Commander-in-Chief.—A. M. Town, Pap Thomas Post, 121, G. A. R., Chesaning, Mich. upon his mantle, even the disclaimers portance in the management of the abound, cannot be but disquieting to Treasury Department without calling phound, cannot be but disquieting to him. This development, too, comes just when the House insurgents seem to be subsiding. And, in addition, there are subsiding. And, in addition, there are the rumors that unother former lieuter the rumors that unother former lieuter the rumors that unother former lieuter the enforcement of the customs tariffs, tenant, ex-Senator and ex-Representation. But he never shows per-

gage in any demonstrations, its Justices will have some reason to be thankful the rate of interest for the new bonds. He says he does not intend to issue that January and the new year are at hand. There is every prospect that in Aldrich-Payne law authorized in case of Treasury emergencies.

To week or 10 days there will be of Treasury emergencies.

To your as Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army.

Resolved, That our delegates to the Department Encampment in May next be instructed to work for him to influence the Department representatives to your for him at the next Annual Enimportant cases pending there. The Court has been crippled all the Au- Postmaster-General Hitchcock's Report. tumn, in spite of the fact that eramaking causes are on the docket and pressing for decision.

One of these is an appeal which will decide whether the Tobacco Trust is legal and which also involves the Sherman anti-trust law. Another is the Standard Oil appeal. It is expected that that case, in which all the people are interested, will be expedited so that the arguments at least can be made this Winter. There are dozens of cases, of hardly minor importance, because they involve the new corporation legislation be before the full bench.

Soon after he was confirmed, the new Justice, Horace H. Lurton, of the Sixth Circuit, telegraphed that he would be in town by Jan 3, ready to take the oath and assume his duties. The very same day a telegram was received by the Supreme Court from Mr. Justice Moody, in Massachusetes, saying that he would be in Washington by the middle of January. He is improving ma-terially, and is well on the road to recovery from a very severe and mallgnant attack of rheumatism. By that time the Court will have reconvened,

Of no secondary importance, in a judicial sense, is the decision of President Taft to name five Judges of the new Court of Customs after the holidays. The names are understood to have been determined already, and probably will be sent to the Senate soon after Congress reconvenes. This is to be a very important Court, ranking next to the Supreme Court of the United to the Supreme Court of the Suprem to the Supreme Court of the United States, and will increase the importance of Washington as a judicial center. As soon as the Senate confirms the nominations, which it can be counted upon to do speedily, as the Finance Committee, to which the nominations have been referred, has been consulted, the Court can organize. The Senate first fixed the salary of the Judges at \$10,000 a year, salary of the Judges at \$10,000 a year, to which the House assented in the to which the House assented in the taniff bill and then dissented on an appropriation bill, so that no money has yet been provided. But when the Senate confirms the nominations the House will have to vote the money. The new Court will be hearing customs appeals under the new tariff law within a few weeks.

CHAIRMAN ALEXANDER.

Working Hard on the River and Har-bor Bill,

Representative Alexander, Chairman of Rivers and Harbors, and a Repub-lican leader in New York State, is bendwn to the preparation of the river 1860 and harbor appropriation bill, and has enunciated some new plans with refer-ence to that legislation. He proposes that the bill shall be smaller than was the last river and harbor bill of three ears ago, and also that there shall no e any provision for issuing waterways onds. It can be taken for granted that Mr. Alexander has decided upo these points with the full approval of President Tafi, because he and the President are very close personal friends, and have been much in con-sultation together.

sultation together of late. fitude in favor of an annual river and Ithaca, N. Y.

harbor bill, and outlines ideas about preventing it from becoming a "porl barrel" bill. In that he is in thoro accord with the former Chairman, now nator Burton, of Ohio, under who he served for many years as a member of the committee. Mr. Alexander is giving careful attention to the preparation of the bill, and is making many friends by the courteous attention he gives to the requests of visiting delega-These visits always are a sore rial to the Rivers and Harbors Chair man. In most cases he knows more Senate and House have been calm dur-the holidays. They promise new than the members of the visiting delegations, but withal is expected to listen to long-drawn-out speeches which con-

CONDITION OF THE TREASURY.

program of the regular Republicans Secretary McVeagh Optimistic.

declines to take any alarmist views about the condition of the Treasury. of these facts the campaign for the about the condition of the Treasury. Choice of his successor is taking shape. After he and Senator Aldrich had constructed by the Speaker's best and stanchest suited with President Taft, of a recent friends, while protesting that he will afternoon, about the prospects of issu-succeed himself, are discussing in low ing bonds and about the necessity for

ment. The word is going around that
President Taft wants Representative
tank and courteous about such important matters in his Department. The
Walter I. Smith, of Iowa, and has told
him so. The Speaker's friends refuse
to believe that the President said any
paper correspondents were invited in. to believe that the President said any such thing. Smith is one of the Speak-er's lieutenants, whom President Roose-things over with them in his charactervelt smote mightily in a special message istic fashion. He says the working balabout a year ago. The regulars of New York, New England and other Eastern low, about \$28,000,000, and he cannot York, New England and other Eastern States have told one another that they would feel like uniting on Representative Marlin E. Olmsted, of the Harrisburg (Pa.) District. He is another of the Speaker's very close heutenants, probably the ablest parliamentarian in the House—saving only the Speaker—Is level-headed, long-headed and well-informed.

As New England can bardly expect to have a candidate and New York has

As New England can bardly expect to have a candidate and New York has no Representative of sufficient strength and popularity, Olmsted, who is well liked, would poll the vote of that section and win many from Ohlo and States even farther West, as the current gossip runs.

This sort of a situation is anomalous In a Republican House. The talk, just how under the surface, will crop out as the session progresses. It is encouraged by the knowledge that Mr. Cannon is now on his fourth term of two years. If he completes it, he will have served longer continuously than any other Speaker. Henry Clay is the only other

Speaker. Henry Clay is the only other culation is based.

Who was four times elected Speaker.

It is not likely that Mr. Cannon will in all the Cabinet than the Secretary of

Likelihood of a Full Bench to Consider Very Important Cases.

The New Customs Court.

While the staid and dignified Superment Court never allows itself to preme Court never allows itself to any dependence of the Superment of the Panama Canal indebtedness. There are very worrying debtedness. The substitute of the flexible. The being the file plund of the Dehnarder. The being the pulled, the pulled of the debtedness. The substitute of the details as to the rate of the details as to the rate of the pulled, the pulled, t

He Makes Many Recommendations.

The last of the big Cabinet reports is just in, and Congress now has the necessary fundamental information on which to prepare the appropriation bills. It was the report of Postmaster-General Hitchcock. He has had a hard time getting the last finishing touches upon that report. President Taft keeps him jumping with political errands, and Mr. Hitchcock has trouble getting anything like the hours he ought to have for the administration of his Department. This year there were very im of Congress during the past five or six years. Hence the concern by members of the Court that the arguments should be before the full beach. around to give those matters consider-

Then, up at the Capitol was Repre ntative John W. Weeks, Chairman of the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. He has been fretting and fuming because he could not begin the preparation of his annual appro-priation bill. But not a wheel could he turn till Mr. Hitchcock could get thru with those pestiferous politicians and office seekers and write the last sentence of the annual report. He could not invite the officials of the Depart-ment up to his committee to testify and will be ready to tackle the heavy fiscal year, and so there was a Sam Hill

banks, postal subsidies and higher rates cals—in which he is in full accord with his official chief, the President—there are no signs that Congress is likely to comply at this session, or that the Pres-ident will press very vigorously for compliance. A postal subsidy bill has been agreed upon in a general way, and there is plenty of talk about getting it thru Congress in swift order, but that is

not likely to be the reality. A Suggestion for Golden Weddings. Editor National Tribune: In The Na-onal Tribune of Dec. 23 Sister Smith, of Fair Oaks, O., thinks it would be a good idea if any old soldier whose 50th wedding anniversary is approaching would send his name to The National Tribune, so that he and his wife might receive congratulations from other comrades in a shower of postal cards. Inclosed find invitation, which will explain itself. Please acknowledge same in the best soldier paper in the

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra H. Shepherd request the pleasure of your company at the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage

Monday evening, January third, nineteen hundred and ten, from 8 to 12 o'clock, 119 First street, Ithaca, N. Y. Ezra H. Shepherd. Eliza J. Sigier.

So come on, Sisters Smith and comrades, with your cards, and oblige—Sister Eliza J. Shepherd, Glenny Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., 119 First street. In usual liquid form or chocolated tablets

John McElroy Receives Scores of receiv Post Indorsements and Many Personal Ones.

Whereas we all recognize that our anks are rapidly being depleted, that ven before to-morrow's sun may set we may hear taps for some comrade mustered out; and.

Whereas our strong, capable com-rades are needed to preside over the affairs of the Grand Army of the Pepublic, and that our energetic com-rade, John McElroy, is recognized by all as most able and competent to offi-

position at the next National Encamp-Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh intent.

The above was passed by a unanimous vote at the last regular meeting of this Post.—Wm. H. Hornaday, Adiutant Post 100 C.

jutant, Post 100, G. A. R., Lawton, Okla. Resolved, by Eli P. Alexander Post, 163, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., That we as a Post do heartily indorse

mously passed at our last meeting.— H. M. Bigelow, Post Commander.

Editor National Tribune: At a meet-

Editor National Tribune: At our last meeting the comrades were all in favor of Comrade John McElroy for Com-mander-in-Chief, hoping he will be our Chesaning, Mich.

vote for him at the next Annual En-campment in Atlantic City next Sep-

enthusiastically. Speeches were made by several comrades in speaking of the resolutions, and they were passed with-out a dissenting voice.—Geo. A. White,

Comrades: As the time has now arrived for us old boys to be looking about for a good leader and Commander of our forces, which meet next Sepvisions. R. A. Vance, Cross Timbers, you." mber for the election of Commandern-Chief and other officers; therefore,

Resolved, That U. S. Grant Post, 13 Department of Colorado and Wyoming, hereby favor the election for National Commander of Comrade John McElroy, of Kit Carson Post, Department of the Home, D. C. otomac, G. A. R. Done by all the members of the cost.—C. A. Wood, Commander; I. H.

Faithful Services Recognized. Robert Anderson Post, 32, G. A. R., ork, Neb., with a live membership of ork, Neb., with a live membership of the state of the sta il Commander.-M. Sovereiga, Adju-

Editor National Tribune: George W. Gohagan Post, 38, indorses Comrade John McEiroy as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the next National Encampment, which will be held at Atlantic City, N. J., in September, 1910.—S. M. Davis, Commander.

Editor National Tribune: R. M. yons Post, 405, G. A. R., Bowerston, D., unanimously indorsed The National Tribune pension bill, and also the can-didacy of Comrade John McElroy for Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. n 1910.-Wm. H. Host, Commander.

Editor National Tribune: At a regular meeting of Kyger Post, 204, De-partment of Illinois, Georgetown, Ill., The Tribune Bill was unanimously and heartily indorsed, and yourself for the next Commander-in-Chief.-Fred Constans, Adjutant.

Editor National Tribune: In behaif f Dan Brown Post, 380, G A. R., Duncan Falls, O., I write you that our Post isly indorses your pension bill and to the man derires to see you elect ed to the office of Commander-in-Chief

Hood's Sarsaparilla

At a regiliar meeting Kellogg Post, heaven's blessings rest on the men who sat the 554, G. A. R., Monrocton, Pa., takes great pleasure in indorsing Comrede Congress." John McElfoy as Commander-in Chief 0. The indersement was unani-We feel confident we have no or 1910. comrade infour ranks better fitted or more worthy than Comrade McElroy for Commander n-Chief. We hope there will be no opposition to him. I. L. Secor, Commander; John H. Summers, Adjuiant. -

At a regular meeting of H. L. Aldrich Post, Brushton, N. Y., by a unanimous vote The National Tribune pension bill also John McElroy as our next National ecretary McVeagh Optimistic.

Panama Canal Bonds to Be Panama Canal Bon

Editor National Tribune: John Plasket Post, Hancock, N. Y., in regular session, resolved that we indorse The National Tribune pension bill, and also support John McElroy for Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encamp-ment. Elias Vansteenberg, Commander; R. B. Gill, Adjutant.

Editor National Tribune: All com-rades of Geo. Meade Post, of Dade City, Fla., desire you to become our succeed himself, are discussing in low tone of voice and with confidential precautions who should wield the gavel if the next Congress is Republican.

Two or three lightning rods already rear their points into the political firmatics. The Secretary is very matter of fact, as a rost do heartly indorse. City, Fla., desire you to become our that was a rost do heartly indorse. City, Fla., desire you to become our that was a rost do heartly indorse. City, Fla., desire you to become our Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., knowing full well that having your most heartly indorse. Commander of the Stational Tribune pension bill of Commander of the G. A. R., knowing full well that having your most heartly indorse. Commander of the Stational Tribune pension bill of Commander of the G. A. R., knowing full well that having your most heartly indorse Commander of the G. A. R., knowing full well that having your most heartly indorse. City, Fla., desire you to become our the National Tribune pension bill of Commander in uneasy, you will go in safe and sure .-G. C. Hutchins, Dade City, Fla.

> Editor National Tribune: At the ing of Lewis S. Payne Post, 284, G. A. R., North Tonawanda, New York, you Post, No. 5, of Hopkinton, N. H., Nov. were most unanimously indorsed for the honorable position of Commander-rade John McElroy for our next Commander of the Commander of in-Chief of the G. A. R. Trusting that all delegates to our next Encampment will use all honorable means towards your election, yours in F., C. and L.—Henry A. Ferris, Commander.
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> Henry A. Ferris, Commander.
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> Tade John McElroy for our next Commander in the Encampment at Atlantic City, N. J., was adopted and also a resolution indorsing your pension bill.—D. A. Macurdy, Commander; J. A. Hibbard, Adjutant.
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> Editor National Tribune mame of John McElroy has tioned for candidate for the

have unanimously indorsed The Trib-une Pension Bill, and also indorsed Comrade John McElroy for Commander-in-Chief.—Jas. A. Seaman, Commander; J. F. Stauber, Adjutant.

At a regular meeting of Thomas Huston Post, 51, Department of Iowa, Heddin, on Nov. 27, heartly indorsed the candidacy of Comrade John Mc-Elroy for Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be elected at the National Encampment to

the enforcement of the customs tarins, the enforcement of the customs tarins, the pass A Hemenway, is going back and so on. But he never shows perturbation. He carefully considers any to the House with a view to getting into the Speakership race.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by the National Tribune: I enjoy the National Tribune: I enjoy the National Tribune: I enjoy the National Tribune and approve of its pension bill, and hope Commander: Wm. Sullivan, Adjutant. Heartily approved: S. G. Hillit, Past Department Commander. In the National Tribune: I enjoy the National Tribune and approve of its pension bill, and hope Commander: Wm. Sullivan, Adjutant. Heartily approved: S. G. Hillit, Past Department Commander. In the National Tribune: I enjoy the National Tribune and approve of its pension bill, and hope Commander: Wm. Sullivan, Adjutant. Heartily approved: S. G. Hillit, Past Department Commander. In the National Tribune: I enjoy the Natio

All of us here indorse The National Tribune pension bill, and we all hope to see Comrade John McElroy elected see Comrade John McElroy Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., ble and unequaled service, loyalty and altho we have no Post here. A. H. ability. Cordially—G. Clay Goodloe, Waitt, Lake Charles, La. 1103 16th St. N. W., Washington, D. C. Waitt, Lake Charles, La.

I am lost without The National Trib A large number of comrades second-une. I get 21 papers each week, and ed these resolutions most heartily and prize The National Tribune above all these resolutions were well represented to the papers. other weekly papers. We all favor Tribune Bill.—A. F. M. O'Brien, Wells Comrade John McElroy for Command-ville, Kan. er-in-Chief of the G. A. R. I am serv-ing my 21st term as Post Commander, having served in three Posts of the having served in three Posts of the Grand Army. I am heartly in accord with and indorse The National Tribune pension bill, and hope it may become a law on it is first and interest in the companion of the companion bill, and hope it may become a law on it is first and interest in the companion of the companion o pension bill, and hope it may become a for Commander-in-Chief. There is no law, as it is fair and just in all its pro-

> Friend McElroy: I feel almost like Kan .: have no run to make, for you are going in "in a walk." W. M. Jones, Soldiers mander-in-Chief of our Order, the

Hurrah for McElroy and his pension Post.—C. A. Wood, Commander; I. H. bill! The sentiment of all of the old Paine, Adjutant, Post 13, Greeicy, Colo. boys who were the blue, if we are in the South. Frank Brisco, Alma, Ark.

> Editor National Tribune: I highly appreciate the many kind indors the scores of comrades and G. A. R. Posts in regard to the candidacy of Comrade John McElroy as Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. Whenever opportunity arises you can most assuredly count on me doing my utmost in ad-vancing Comrade McElroy's name, because I am under the impression that no comrade could fill that exalted position any better than he could, and he is surely entitled to the honor on general principles. James P. Cowens Post, by resolution, highly recommends and warmly and enthusiastically favors him as the next Commander-in-Chief. are also well aware that you are always wideawake at all times in behalf of the old comrades. In a former letter to you I had also, in the name of the Post, indorsed your magnificent National Tribune pension bill.—Gustav Wange-lin. Past Commander, Co. G. 3d Mo., and Co. A. 43d III., Pinckneyville, III.

Editor National Tribune: I hope that Editor National Tribune: I hope that the many friends of John McElroy will succeed in their laudable efforts to elect him Commander-in-Chief at the next National Engampment. His past services to the Order and his known ability entitle him to the support of all commades.—A 'T' De Long, 1431 Farmell avenue Chicago, III. well avenue, Chicago, III.

Col. John McElroy: I have been a subscriber for The National Tribune for many years, and have always appreciated what it has done for us old boys in times past and what it purposes to do for us in the future. I want to say right here that I am heartily in favor of the pension bill as adversarid here. of the pension bill as advocated by it, and trust that our champion will be able to have it passed during the coming session of Congress. I also want to express my heartlest commendation of the candidacy of Col. John McElroy for Commander in-Chief of the G A R I Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. I never could understand why he was not Acts directly and peculiarly on the blood; purifies, enriches and revitalizes it, and in this way builds up the whole system. Take it. Get it today.

Interpretation of that honorable position after he had served so faithfully a term as Senior Vice, but I feel that the delegates to Atlantic City will do justice to one who so richly deserves that high honorand elevate him to that position.

Thomas Butler, Co. K. 24th Mich., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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The man for less than two terms.—B. Vollmer, Liberty, III.

Liberty, III.

Editor National Tribune: When I think of what The National Tribune has done for us old fellows and is still doing, I feel it my duty to support it with my little dollar, as it is all I can do. Here's hoping you will be our next

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

of the Grand Army of the Republic at the next Encampment to be held at Atlantic City, N. J. next September. I assure you if every member of Dan Receives Scores of the offer of the series of the next Encampment to be held at Atlantic City, N. J. next September. I assure you'll every member of Dan Receive 79 votes are avote you would receive 79 votes are avote you would for years, for you have always of water to have must come soon. Very few of us are able to make a living with our hands. Taking good care of the old soldlers now means more good soldlers in the future when needed. Many the needed water in the future when needed water the next Encampment to be held at the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next of the next Encampment to be held at the next Encampment to the next Encampment to be held at the next Encampment to the n diers in the future when needed. May was June 14. Sunday, but the soldiers heaven's blessings rest on the men who make it a law at the next session of Congress."

Editor National Tribune: I am well Port Hudson by general assault.

All can be assured that the sentiment Dillingham led the 8th Vt. of the old soldiers and the G. A. R. The order was that of the old soldiers and the G. A. R. The order was that the column will receive thru him all that can be should consist of two regiments of skir-

Editor National Tribune: I heartily ed in saying there is no comrade in

Editor National Tribune: I cannot your unanimous election to the highest honor possible, as Commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. May you long enjoy these blessings and honors is the wish of—W. Foyer, Bremen, Ga.

with our ranks. So terrible and deadly was this fire that the cotton bag and band grenade regiments could not proceed, and falled to execute their orders, and a number of the boys were in charge of Uncle Sam's teams, hauling wood to the railroad to make steam the wish of—W. Foyer, Bremen, Ga.

Henry A. Ferris, Commander.

At a recent meeting of J. S. McCready Post, G. A. R., of this place, a
resolution was passed indorsing The
National Tribune pension bill and
also
McElroy for Commander-in-Chief, at the next National
Encampment, and believing that Col.
McElroy has done more, as editor of
National Commander, all members
for each concurring. We are loyal here
to our great soldier paper. I was reto our great soldier paper. I was ret Editor National Thomas Adjusted Adjuste

the gun I got and commenced digging a hole in the loose dirt to hide myself.

Editor National Tribune: I am for I remained there until dusk, not daring you heart and soul for our next Com-mander-in-Chief. May you win, as you have already won, by your invalua-

Editor National Tribune: I indorse Comrade McElroy for Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and The National

H. W. Arnold, Jamestown, R. I.: "I

By JOHN McELROY John D. Sanders, Ft. Leavenworth, an.: "I am for The National Tribune congratulating you on your election as because it is for mc, and if I had a your next Commander-in-Chief. You will thousand votes I would cast every one greatest organization on earth.

> Editor National Tribune: I am glad to see so many indorsements for Comrade McElroy for Commander-in-Chief. I also fully indorse The Na-tional Tribune Bill.—Bray Ellis, Wind-

> Editor National Tribune: No com-ade of the G. A. R. has, in my opinion, a superior claim to the position of Commander-in-Chief than yourself, and I will be delighted to know that the honor has been given you and will joyfully and gratefully use all my in-fluence to that end.—Rev. Chas. A. Munn, D. D., Fresno, Cal.

Editor National Tribune: Your pension bill is all right and we hope it will be enacted into law this Winter. We also hope to see you made Com-mander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment.

Editor National Tribune: Having known you so long I do not hesitate o fully indorse you for our next Commander-in-Chief and make it unani mous now. The fact is that comrades who have stood by the ex-soldiers and sailors and done the work for them that you have should have any honor we can confer. I also favor Chaitanooga, Tenn., for National Encampment in 1911, believing it would suit more G. A. R. men than any other location we can name.—Thomas

Editor National Tribune: Am in favor of The Tribune Pension Bill; also

the G.A.R., and hope he may be elected by a unanimous vote. I am also in by a unanimous vote. I am also in favor of The National Tribune Bill, and hope it may become a law.—E. G. Black, Lafayette, Ind.

Item. I ake it. Get it today.

In usual liquid form or chocolated tablets

John Cashner, Co. E. 13th Ind., Seattle. Wash.: "I have been fighting for ton, Mass."

With my little dollar, as it is all I can do. Here's hoping you will be our next Communded in-Chief.—James Camrel, Sergeant. Co. K. 5th Mass. Cav., Bostle. Wash.: "I have been fighting for ton, Mass."

AT PORT HUDSON.

What The Second Assault, June 14—Hand-to-Very Hand Fighting—Taking a Rebel's Editor Hational Tribune: The day

pleased with the candidacy for Com-mander-in-Chief of John McElroy, formerly of Thieleman's Cavalry, an ex-perienced soldier, worthy and deserve lng of the trust to be imposed in him.

obtained. By all means elect him.— mishers, followed by one regiment with Francis A. Krch, St. Paul, Minn. hand grenades, the next with cotton bags, with which to fill the ditch be-fore the breastworks, and three regi-Join with my comrades in indorsing you ments to bring up the rear as an as-for Commander-in-Chief in our honored saulting party. The 8th Vt. was as-organization, and feel perfectly justi-signed to lead the assaulting column. About one o'clock on the morning of the G. A. R. who is more deserving the 15th the troops were served with than yourself, and when your name is coffee and light rations, and two hours brought before the Encampment, you later the lines were formed, and the will, as I see it, have no opposition.—
G. W. White.

Editor National Tribune: I surely indorse the bill, and also the nominality of the parapets before the east began to redden with the dawn of day. Nevertheless the Confederates were on the nominality of the parapets before the east began to redden with the dawn of day. tion and election by acclamation of the alert, and our movements did not Col. John McElroy for Commander-in-escape their notice, so that the lines Chief of the G. A. R.—W. A. Green, Narrows, Ky.

ous fire from the garrison. Editor National Tribune: I cannot but add my small voice to the many thousands who look for and expect with our ranks. So terrible and deadly

Comrade McElroy: I will be more than delighted to see you elected Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. at the next Annual Encampment.—C. V. Strickland, Huntington, Ind.

Editor National Tribune: The boys which I was a member, was color comout here are all Joe Cannon men, and also for John McElroy for Commanderin-Chief. We think, in view of Comrade McElroy's many and great services, there should be no opposition to his election.—A. W. Sawyer, Kahoka, Mo. E. M. Chamberlin, Albany, N. Y.:
"I hope you will be successful in your candidacy for Commander-in-Chief of our great Order. I expect to be a delegate from our Post to Department Encampment, and will do what I can in your behalf."

J. E. Perkins, Sulphur Springs, Ark:
"I second the motion that Comrade McElroy be elected Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment, I also hope The National Trib
locked bayonets with me and then with a twist the bayonets slipped past each other and the Johnny's bayonet struck my hand between the thumb and fore-tinger, shocking me so that I let go of my gun and it fell into their intrenchment. I very soon recovered my senses and saw how I was situated. I grabbed right hold of the Johnny's gun and pulled. He pulled, too, but I being the heaviest came near pulling him up out of the ditch. All at once he let go of the gun, and I went over backwards down the embankment of dirt that had been thrown out in making the ditch. the next Annual Encampment A comrade arose and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Buckingham Post, 12, indorses the name of Col. John McElroy as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Arms.

As I went over backwards I discovered my regiment was falling back and the balls and shots from the rehels were flying all around me like halistones, so to Commander-in-Chief. Success to him and The National Tribune."

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down into a ravine. Before I rose up T found my comrades that had not been killed down in the woeds. All that hot Hand Fighting—Taking a Rebel's June day the men lay in plain sight— Gun From Him. hurt-but no help could reach them for the enemy's gunners were unusually active, and woe to the man who showed signs of life on that field and the pitying comrade who ventured forth on a mission of relief. The least movement

drew the fire of a score of sharpshoot-ers. Many who lay wounded before the works were killed during the day. The Confederates were jubilant over this repulse of the besieging army. They shouted and sang the "Bonny Blue Flag" and other secesh songs. Far different was it in the silent trenches, where the defeated soldiers counted up their losses and talked in counted up their losses and talked in low and sad tones of the bloody experi-ences of the morning.

The killed and wounded belonging the 8th Vt. were estimated at 98. I have an account in a diary I kept at the time of all the names of those illed or wounded that belonged to the th Vt.

In spite of his severe illness, Col. Thomas could not lie quietly in the hospital after the heavy firing began on that fatal morning, and, disregardng the warnings of the Surgeons, or-lered his horse. He mounted and rode to the front, arriving just after his galant regiment had fallen back. He then eluctantly returned to his bed.—J. S. Bean, Co. C. 8th Vt.

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Editor National Tribune: In August, 1864, a part of Cos. C and F, 115th Dhio, were stationed at Fort Lavergne on the Nashville & Chattanooga Rail-road, near Nashville, Tenn. The writer

trickland, Huntington, Ind.

it must advance. With difficulty the about to enter the cedars at the edge lines moved over and passed the men of the field, when we discovered the with the cotton bags, who stood hud-

Editor National Tribune: I see a move on foot which gives me much pleasure, because it seems so fitting in every way. That is, your election as Commander-in-Chief at the next National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Comrade Me-Elroy has well earned that honor. No one deserves it more, and I do not think we could have a better Commander.—P. A. Stevens.

Editor National Tribune: The boys out here are all Joe Cannon men, and small for them. They marched us out to the road, where we found they had corralled some 20 of the boys. We learned then that they were of Joe Wheeler's command. Wheeler was then on his famous raid in rear of Sherman.—P. D. Hall, Co. B, 1st Ala. Cav., Martin's Mills, Tenn.

I. N. Everett, 31st Ohio. Comrade Everett is employed in the Interior De-

CURE FOR INDIGESTION

send worked off the bayonet of the gun I got and commenced digging hole in the loose dirt to hide myself. Further charge a \$1.00 ABSORPTION TEATMENT. Spongaremained there until dusk, not daring to move, for shots kept coming every ew moments.

After dark I crawled snake-fashion

JOSEPH H. HUNTER, Pension and Patent Attorney, Washington, D. C. His Transformation from a Raw Recruit to a Veteran

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